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1. A report on general observations in the ports of Murmansk and Igarka. A sketch of the harbor area at Igarka and a legend to the sketch have been included.

2. The following photographs taken at these two ports

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- a. A photograph of the Kolskiy Zaliv at Murmansk which includes a trawler, with radio equipment.
- b. Two photographs of a pilot boat in the harbor area at Murmansk.
- c. A photograph of the entrance to the channel at Igarka.
- d. A photograph of a non-Soviet merchant vessel and a small part of the port area at Igarka.

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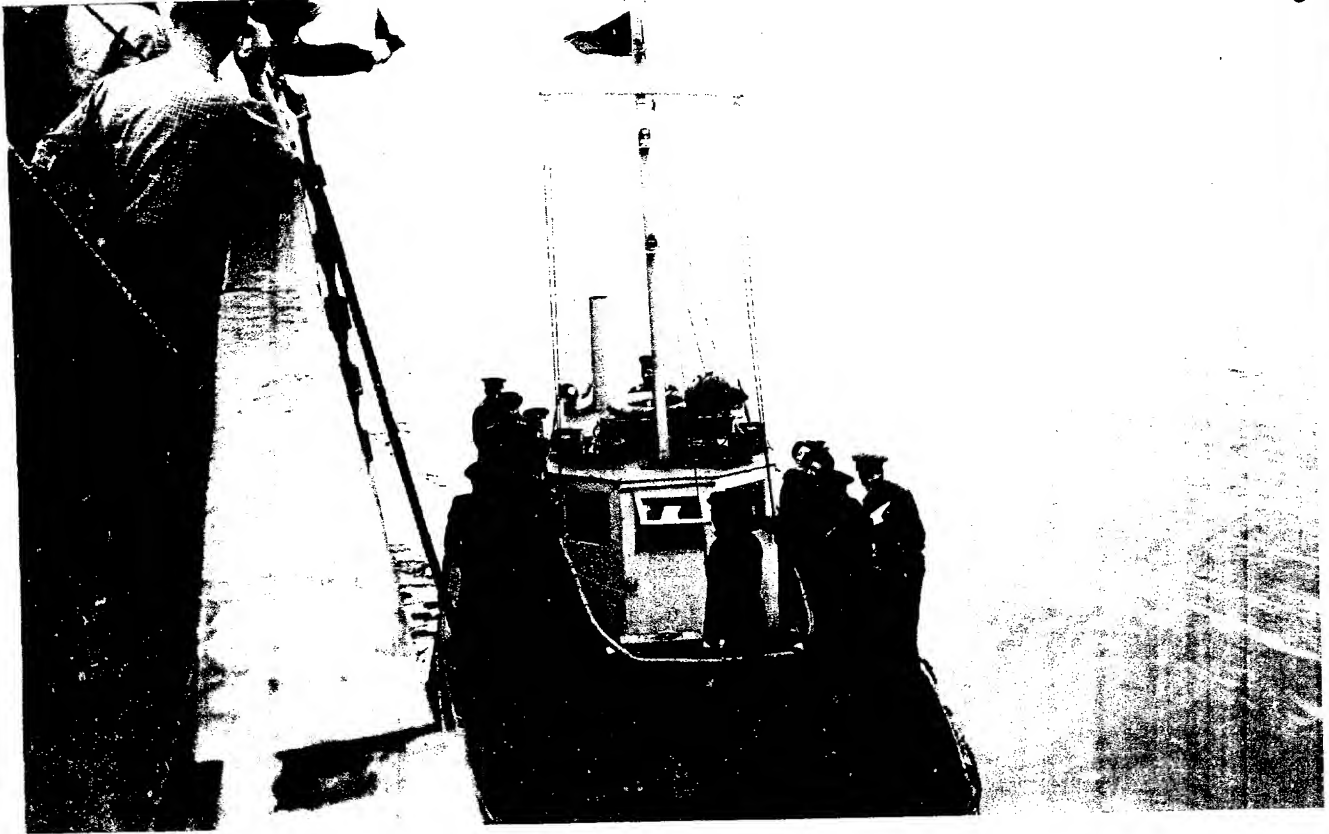
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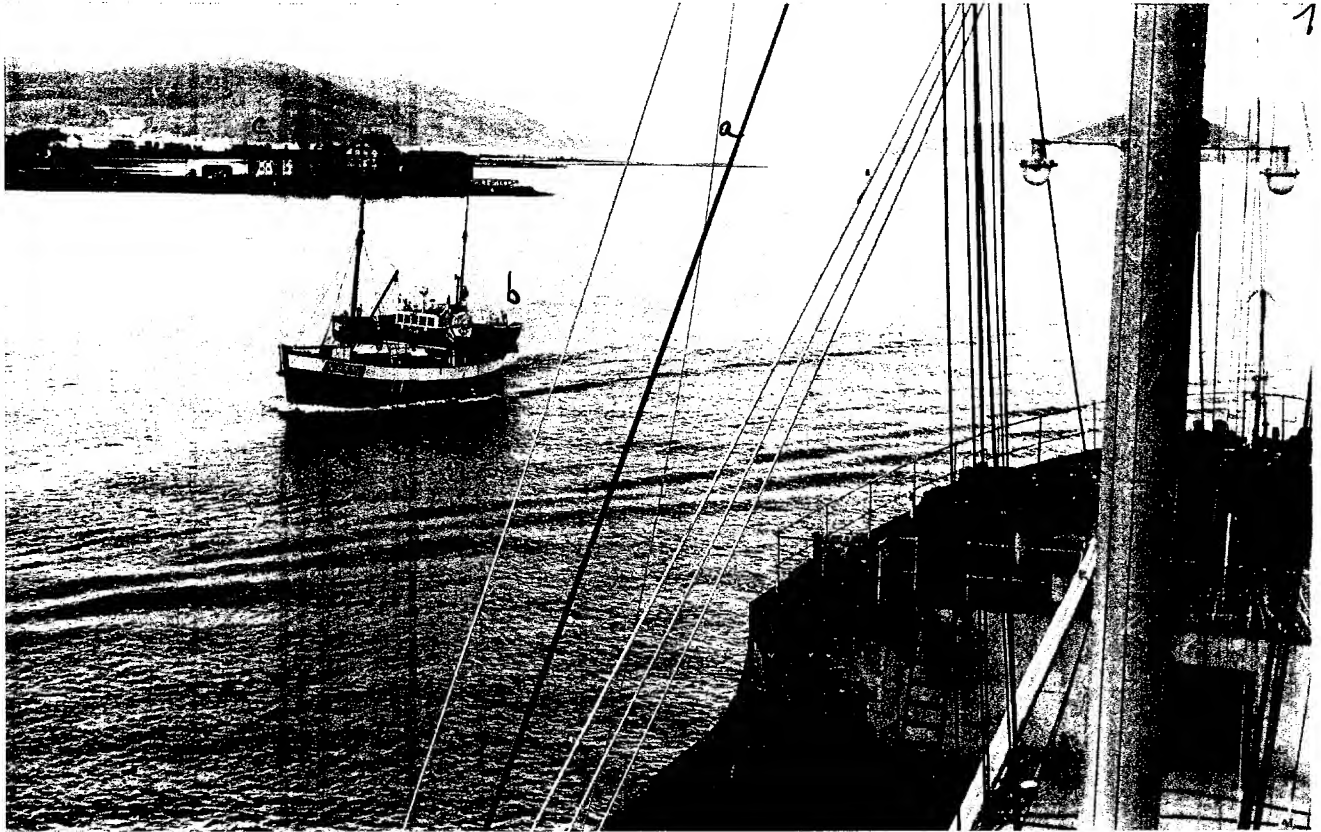
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A-ENTRANCE TO CHANNEL.

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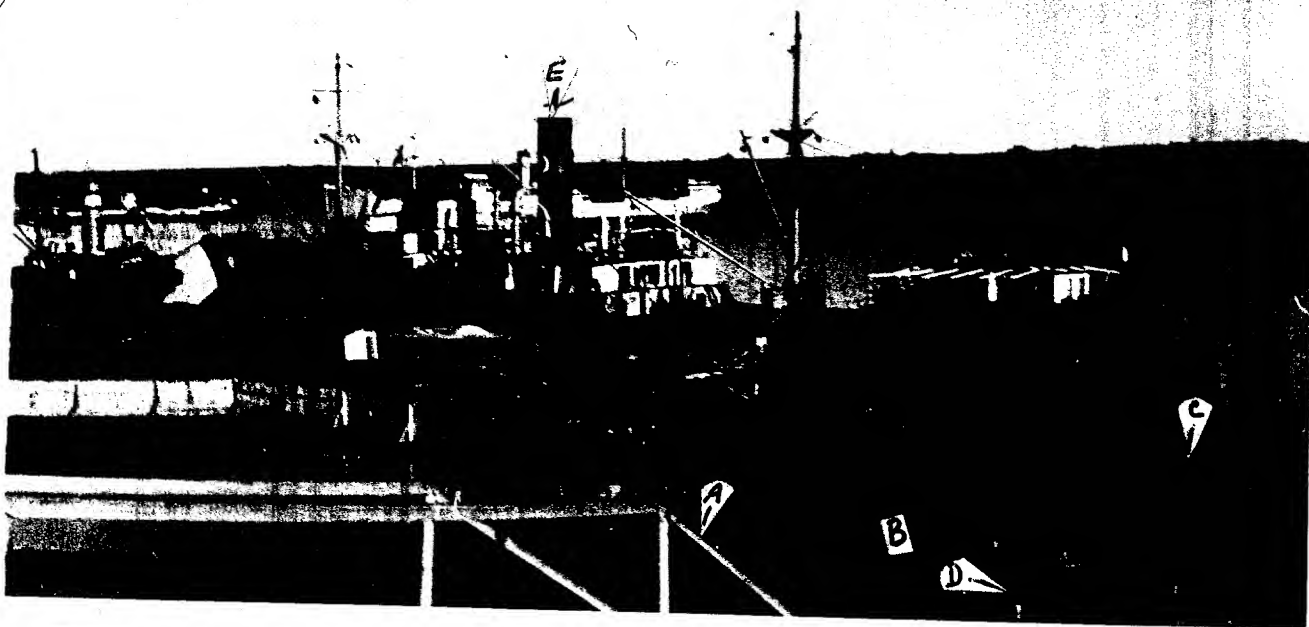
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A-STAIRWAY; B-ENTRANCE TO CANAL; C-BARGE; D-SMALL WOODEN PIER;
E-NON-SOVIET MERCHANT VESSEL.

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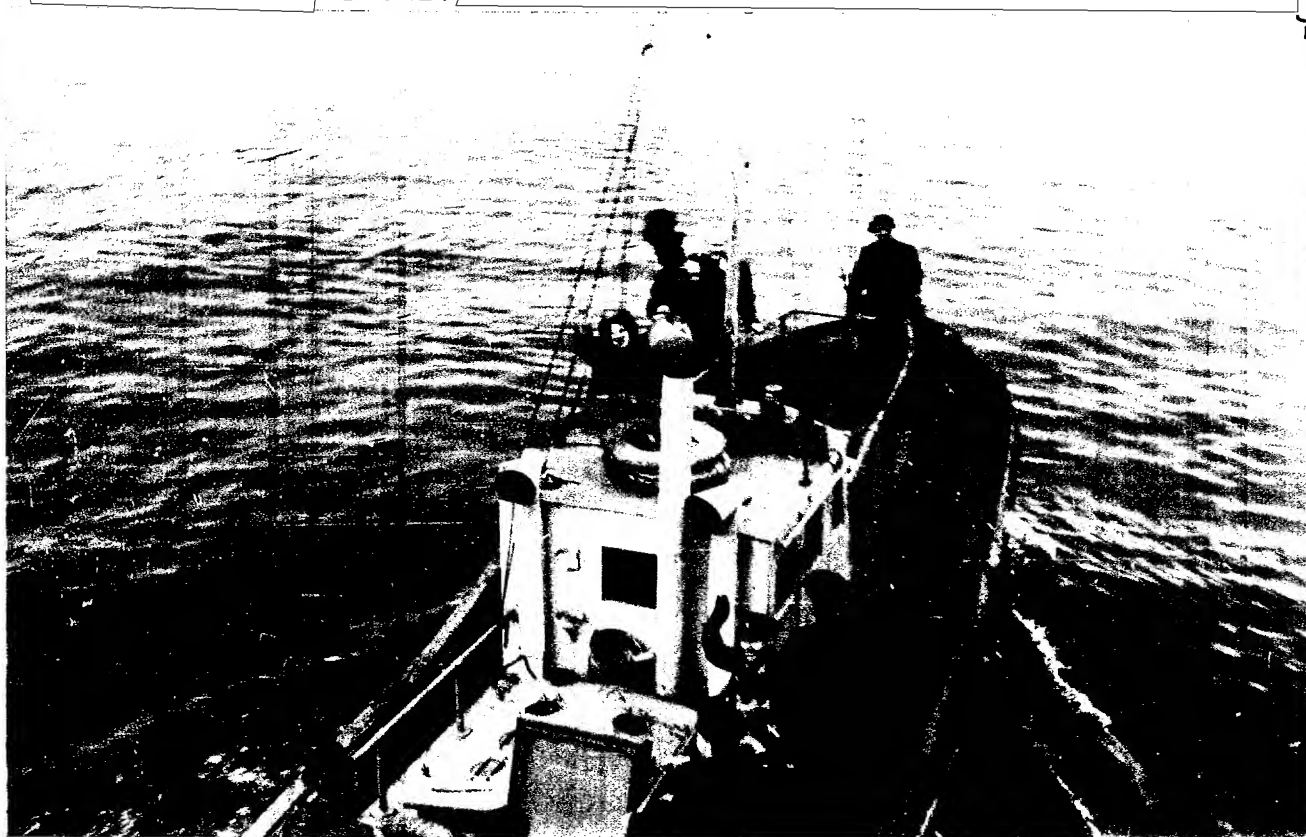


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Ports of MURMANSK and IGARKA

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TOROS-MURMANSK canal, [redacted] noticed a few radio stations on the hills overlooking the canal and storage areas of an undetermined nature, as well as a certain number of sheet metal barracks surrounded by fencing supported by posts. Apparently, there was no radar installation in the entire area. At the left side of the entrance to the canal, [redacted] noticed an airfield which undoubtedly lies behind the hills, [redacted] saw fighter aircraft fly over the field and distinctly heard the roar of conventional engines taking off and touching down.

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[redacted]

[redacted] did not observe the presence of any Soviet war vessels in the harbor.

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[redacted]

At the mouth of the Yenisei River, [redacted] noted a steel brigantine with wooden masts; it weighed about 800 tons and was used as a radio and pilot station.

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[redacted] did not see any defenses along the 400-mile stretch of the river.

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Igarka
[REDACTED]

The village has a port section with a few wooden barracks serving as port offices, firehouse, and machine shop (see drawing attached); the village proper lies about 1 kilometer from the port and has a new ^{an} and/old section. The entire village, including the streets, are constructed of wood, and smoking is prohibited everywhere. Electrical lighting is poor. Foreign seamen are received in the Seamen's Club. Girls aged 15 to 20 years were invited to entertain [REDACTED] seamen. However, all foreign seamen were discreetly watched, even in the club.

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[REDACTED] not [REDACTED] any organized prostitution in the area. The girls went home at 2300 and the restaurant in the club stayed open until midnight.

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The quay in Igarka must be partially reconstructed every year because of the damage from the ice thaw. [REDACTED] observed a military seaplane, 2 tugs and the pilot boat in front of the radio station in the river port.

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Legend

1. Igarka shore radio station (wooden barrack).
2. Navy seaplane.
3. Tugs and pilot boat.
4. Wooden street leading from port to new Igarka (about 1 kilometer).
5. Wooden stairway
6. New section of Igarka.
7. Firehouse (no smoking anywhere in the streets and port).
8. Canal (its presumed course is shown by the dotted line). ~~Photo~~
entrance.
9. Barge
10. Barge with wooden shed on deck. Ferry crossing of the Yenisei River, served by a motor boat.
11. Wooden quay on piling. (the river freezes, and rises about 1 meter upon thawing; the current carries away part of the quay, which must be reconstructed).
12. Small wooden pier
13. Wooden road leading to quay.
14. Open storage area for stacking lumber.
15. Port offices.
16. Well-equipped machine shop.
17. ~~Non-Soviet~~ ship (photo No.)
- 18.
- 19.
20. Three merchant ships
21. Wooden sentry tower. (Guard duty done by women armed with a rifle and cartridge pouches).
22. Concentration camp. About 300 prisoners of various nationalities, were reportedly interned here.

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23. Retail shop. [REDACTED]
24. Bus stop.
25. Seamen's Club.
26. Gate.
27. Wooden bridge.
28. Road under construction.
29. Fence enclosing the concentration camp; height about 4 or 5 meters.
30. Yenisei River (Igarka lies 400 miles upstream from sea).

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